



Prevention Progress

Department of Child Abuse Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Dear Advocates:

April is fast approaching and we are gearing up to celebrate **Child Abuse Prevention Month** with events held across the state. We will gather at the State House April 17, to recognize our advocates and celebrate children and families.

We saw J. Danny Cooper leaving us at the Alabama Realtors at the end of the year and we will bid farewell to one of our own as of April 1. Milton Jackson who has dedicated the majority of his professional career to keeping children safe from abuse and neglect and fostering programming to strengthen Alabama families will retire to enjoy his precious grandchild. Milton will be missed as much for his dedication to children as his kind heart and quick wit.

Jessica Jackson and I have been traveling to Responsible Fatherhood sights conducting Focus Groups with the participants in an effort to gather information on what is working within each program as far as recruitment, job development and relationship stability is concerned. Pickens County has a very successful program led by our partner Mike Driver; during the Focus Group I asked the participants "what one word would describe what the program means to you", I was so moved to hear one of the participants answer...."HOPE". I think that sums up what support programs at the local level can provide during these tough economic times; times that are so hard on children and families. Of the eight participants in the Focus Group only one (1) grew up with a father in the home or with a consistent male role model and only 3 had contact with their biological father. Fatherhood programs are important, and yes HOPE is why we are here.

Kelley Parris, Director





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Please plan to attend
The 5th Annual
CTF Rally at the Statehouse for
Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
Downtown Montgomery, Alabama
Wednesday, April 17th, 2013
10:00 AM

Key Note Speaker: Rene Howitt

Author of "Whose Best Interest? A fight to Save Two American Kids"

April Calendar of Events:

April 1-7—Gadsden Proclamation and delivery of Blue Ribbons to community

April 1—PACT Press Conference at the Decatur Mall

April 1—Prattville Turning the Fountain Blue, 11:00

April 2—Healthy Kids Press Conference, Greenville

April 8—ACES Elmore County, Proclamation

April 10—WAKA Noon Show

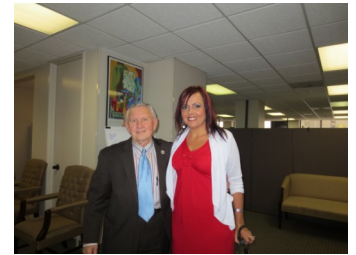
April 11—6:00 p.m. Capitol Steps, Take Back the Night, Lighthouse

April 13—Healthy Kids for Kids, 1st Annual 5K/10K Charity Run

April 13—IMPACT Family Fun Day @ Underwood Park 1:00-4:00

April 26 -Healthy Kids—All Day CAN Prevention Day; Trike Parade @ 2:30, Greenville

Milton's Retirement Tea



Rene Howitt To Speak

Rene Howitt is scheduled as the Keynote Speaker at the Annual Child Abuse Prevention Rally at the State House on April 17. Rene intimately knows the systemic challenges that face individuals charged with keeping children safe from abuse and neglect. She has seen the damage to our children and families and knows prevention is ultimately the key to solving a problem that has reached epidemic numbers in our society.

Mobile/Baldwin County Project to End Child Death from Unsafe Sleep and AHT

The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, “ Children ’ s Trust Fund ” is partnering with 26 area agencies, non-profits, hospitals, universities, law enforcement and child advocates to end child death in the 0-3 age group from unsafe sleep and abusive head trauma.

Thirty-two infants lost their lives in Mobile and Baldwin counties between October of 2010 and December of 2012; these deaths are 100% preventable with education and training.

The Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and partner agencies have developed a comprehensive campaign to end these infant deaths. Mentoring New Moms will concentrate on pairing a trained adult mentor with a teen mother to guide her through the first 12 weeks of her infant ’ s life. Public Service Announcements and advertisements will bring attention to the subject matter and Cribs for Kids will provide a safe sleep surface that is convenient and portable.

The Primary Healthcare Committee will address standardization of training, printed materials and reaching the healthcare providers with educational information. The Parent Education and Training Committee will explore avenues to reach community organizations, family enrichment venues, baby sitter certification classes, domestic violence batterers programs and many more.

For more information or to become involved please contact Jessica Jackson at jessica.jackson@ctf.alabama.gov or (334) 262-2951.



EXTENDED FAMILY FOR KIDS WORKSHOP

WHAT *Extended Family for Kids* program leader training workshop

WHEN Saturday, April 6, 2013, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church
5080 Cahaba Valley Trace Birmingham, Alabama 35242
www.oakmountainchurch.org

WHY To train *Extended Family for Kids* program leaders for age-appropriate small groups at the 2013 **Alabama Families of Prisoners** Conference (AFPC)

REGISTER Registration for this **free** workshop is required by March 25, 2013. To register, e-mail your name, address, phone, and number attending to: Johanna Jones jjohanna42@gmail.com or call (205) 223-3610

***Extended Family for Kids* program leader training workshop** Laure Clemons, founder of *Extended Family for Kids*, will present an all-day workshop designed to train program leaders how to lead an *Extended Family for Kids* program group at the Alabama Families of Prisoners Conference, July 26-27, 2013. This free workshop is limited to the first 30 people who pre-register by March 25, 2013.

To register for this one day, free *Extended Family for Kids* program leader training: Call Johanna Jones at (205) 223-3610 or e-mail jjohanna42@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number and e-mail.

Women from the Montgomery Women 's Facility Help Fight Child Abuse and Neglect

The amazing women from the Montgomery Women 's Facility made receiving blankets for the young mothers in the Cribs for Kids Program. Cribs for Kids is highly successful and credited with saving many infants from unsafe sleep accidents. Each item is tagged with a message from the creator. The clothing items (right) will go to the orphans at Stella 's House; all items made with love. We continue to need donations of yarn!



MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Child Abuse Prevention (DCAP) secures resources to fund evidence-based community programs committed to the prevention of child maltreatment; we advocate for children and the strengthening of families.

April 1-30 Child Abuse Prevention Events:

CASA Mobile—Pinwheel Garden, Gerry Moulton Park
Good Will Easter Seals of the Gulf Coast—Pinwheel Gardens

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